

BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

**Sacramento, CA
February 8, 2012**

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Jim Ostrowski
Susan Britting
J. Keith Gilles
Mike Miles
Richard Wade

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director
Pete Cafferata, Forest Practice

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the February 8, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted for full reinstatement of RPF 2292 Edgar Orre

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred to March

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No Report

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott

- Above normal fire activity due to dry weather conditions, fuel moisture is low. 200 more fires have been reported this year, in contrast to the same time last year. The first week of January there were 60 fires reported. Calfire is addressing the issue with staffing patterns, by bringing staff back to staff engines. Working with Resources Agency, the Governor's office and administration on an Executive Order to address the issue.
- Budget: eliminated two fire engines at Lake Tahoe. Reduced engines from 20 to 8 within the San Bernardino and San Diego areas. Additional cuts have been identified, are in the process of eliminating 5 bulldozers. Have gone through a rigorous holistic process statewide, looked at mission critical workload, fuels, weather patterns, and response times on how and where to make cuts. CDF will no longer staff Fresno air attack base, the air attack tanker will be moved to McClellan and will be used as a reserve. However, USFS will remain at the Fresno base. There are no other reductions slated this budget cycle. Trigger cuts remain on the radar, there will be a 60 million reduction if taxes are not approved in November. The department is going through a comprehensive analysis inclusive of workload, weather patterns, fuels and response times statewide.
- Working with Federal forestry partners on a cooperative fire management agreement and evaluation of the direct protection areas and the CFMA rewrite.
- Working through and answering questions for the administration and others on the Timber Harvest Plan process. There are a number of efforts going on looking at efficiency; the department is continuing to work with agency on making it a more streamlined process.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR – Eric Huff

See Regulations Calendar under tab 8 in the master binder

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Forest Pest Council will give their annual report at the April Board meeting.

Madeline Melo will give report on the efforts they've made on Criminal Trespass in the Ft. Bragg area.

Trailer bill AB 4214 refer to tab 9 in the master binder. There has been one change, item number 8 was added.

Looking into having SRA hearings at other locations.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action items

Discussion on Road Rules package.

Reported on the field trip made to Jackson and are planning a field trip to the Sierra.

Class II L revisions, no action was taken, awaiting feed back from Fish & Game.

Tackling some 2012 priorities dealing with watershed.

Resource Protection – Bruce Saito

No Action Items

Presented an SRA 101 report to Board members.

Katie Palmieri gave GSOB presentation.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF)

Report in master binder

Monitoring Study Group – Pete Cafferata

No report

MSG meeting February 23, 2012

Research and Science Committee – George Gentry

Meeting February 24, 2012 in Davis, items to be covered are a potential research plan for the Jackson Demonstration State Forest, state research plan that the Board is required to review and approve, presentation on actions by the Green Diamond Resource Company on adaptive management, and 2012 Priorities

Interagency Forestry Working Group

No report

Criminal Trespass Committee

Will be meeting prior to the March Board meeting, the meeting date has not been set.

Madeline Melo will be reporting at the March Board meeting on the efforts made in Ft. Bragg.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)

No Report

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)

The following Registered Professional Forester's have been "Lost in the Woods."

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| Noel Ivar Olsen | RPF 429 |
| James William Timmons | RPF 1181 |
| Harold F. Sebring | RPF 1247 |

The following Registered Professional Forester voluntarily relinquished a license.

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| Bill Pollard | RPF 1065 |
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There are 1231 valid RPF's and 76 valid CRM's.

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Eric Huff announced that Allan R. Bower CRM 98 was successful in passing CRM exam and requested Board action for approval.

02-12-01 Member Ostrowski moved to approve Allan R. Bower as CRM. Member Saito seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

Presentation of the Interagency Forestry Working Group final report on Task 2, "The Effects of California Forest and Rangeland Regulations and Programs on Greenhouse Gas Goals".

George Gentry and Bill Snyder gave the presentation. This report is available on the web site.

Hearing: Division 1.5, Chapter 7 Fire Protection, Subchapter 2. Amend: § 1270 SRA Fire Safe Regulations. The Board is promulgating a regulation to modify and add additional detail necessary to implement Public Resource Code 4290. This statute, among other things, requires minimum wildfire protection standards in conjunction with building, construction and development in State Responsibility Area (SRA). These regulations set standards for administrative procedures.

Public Comment

No public comment

02-12-02 Member Ostrowski moved to approve the proposed SRA Regulations with minor edits. Member Britting seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Gienger expressed concerns over cumulative impacts.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the February 8, 2012 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,


George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:


Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.